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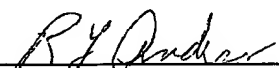
Please add the following new claims:

15. (Newly added) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

16. (Newly added) The isolated polypeptide of claim 15 consisting of the polypeptide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

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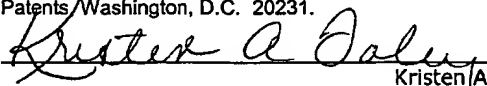
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